

Amendments to the Claims

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application.

Claims 1-40 (cancelled)

41. (New) A method of removing a clostridial toxin from a preparation, comprising:

- (i) applying said preparation to a first affinity column, wherein said first affinity column comprises a first ligand immobilised on said first affinity column, and wherein said first ligand selectively binds to the clostridial toxin to form an immobilised ligand-toxin complex;
- (ii) binding said clostridial toxin to the first ligand, thereby forming an immobilised ligand-toxin complex and an eluate, wherein said eluate may contain ligand-toxin complex that has become detached from the first affinity column;
- (iii) contacting said eluate with a second affinity column, wherein said second affinity column comprises a second ligand immobilised on said second affinity column, and wherein said second ligand selectively binds to ligand-toxin complex present in the eluate; and
- (iv) obtaining a preparation that is substantially free from clostridial toxin.

42. (New) The method of Claim 41, wherein the first ligand is an antibody.

43. (New) The method of Claim 41, wherein the first ligand is a metal ion.

44. (New) The method of Claim 41, wherein the second ligand is an antibody.

45. (New) The method of Claim 41, wherein the second ligand is Protein G.